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NOVEMBER MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS UP 12.4%--
FIRST REAL GAIN IN 17 MONTHS

CHICAGO -- Manufacturers shipped 2,116,600 major appliances in November, a 12.4% increase over the same month last year, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Gains were made in most of the industry's bellwether product categories. Dishwasher shipments increased 25.2%; refrigerators, +14.1%; freezers, +24.8%; electric ranges, +19.4%; clothes washers, +19.4%; clothes dryers, +15.7%; and disposers, +31.6%. Only room air conditioners, compactors and microwave ovens showed declines from last year.

Microwave ovens were 4.5% off, but the November 1982 shipments were still the second best November in history. Further, October 1982 was the single best month in the history of the industry for that product.

"November is the first month we've seen a solid gain for appliances since June of 1981," observed Paul Roman, AHAM's vice president marketing. "While we're comparing performance to a really off November last year, we're hopeful that this may be the turning point for our industry and conditions will improve from here on."

Shipments for the year-to-date are 13.5% off from 1981.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
November, 1982

	November 1982	November 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,116.6	1,883.0*	+12.4%	24,792.6	28,672.2*	-13.5%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	70.8	92.9*	-23.8	2,676.1	3,529.2*	-24.2
DEHUMIDIFIERS	2.5	2.3*	+ 8.7	436.7	531.1*	-17.8
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	206.4	164.8	+25.2	1,991.8	2,339.4	-14.9
Built-In	183.2	141.9	+29.1	1,796.2	2,069.3	-13.2
Portable	23.2	22.9	+ 1.3	195.6	270.1	-27.6
DISPOSERS	260.1	197.6*	+31.6	2,544.0	2,972.1*	-14.4
COMPACTORS	13.0	15.6*	-16.7	134.9	175.7*	-23.2
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	389.5	335.3*	+16.2	5,368.4	6,208.1*	-13.5
Refrigerators	310.0	271.7	+14.1	4,101.3	4,680.3	-12.4
Freezers	79.5	63.7*	+24.8	1,267.2	1,527.8*	-17.1
Upright	35.9	29.4*	+22.1	578.0	685.0*	-15.6
Chest	43.6	34.2*	+27.5	689.2	842.8*	-18.2
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	195.1	163.4*	+19.4	1,860.6	2,174.7*	-14.4
Free Standing	156.7	130.2*	+20.4	1,479.6	1,711.1*	-13.5
Built-In	38.3	33.2*	+15.4	381.0	463.6*	-17.8
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	423.8	443.9*	- 4.5	3,636.4	4,059.9*	-10.4
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	570.2	484.2	+17.8	6,302.1	6,907.2	- 8.8
Washers - Total	318.8	267.0	+19.4	3,767.2	4,118.9	- 8.5
Automatic	313.9	262.1	+19.8	3,707.9	4,034.7	- 8.1
Wringer & Other	5.0	4.9	+ 2.0	59.3	84.2	-29.6
Dryers - Total	251.4	217.2	+15.7	2,534.9	2,788.3	- 9.1
Electric	195.2	169.5	+15.2	1,991.3	2,187.3	- 9.0
Gas	56.2	47.7	+17.8	543.6	601.0	- 9.6

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APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS GAIN FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH, 4TH QUARTER PERFORMANCE IMPROVES 5.3%

CHICAGO -- December major appliance factory shipments rose 4.5% over a year ago -- the third consecutive month to show gains in 1982, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). November's shipments were 12.4% ahead of 1981 and October's a marginal 0.3%.

1982 closed with fourth quarter shipments 5.3% over 1981's performance, but the total year was off 12.5%.

Major December gains include dishwashers, up 23.3%; disposers, up 15.3%; electric ranges, up 14.2%; and microwave ovens, up 20%.

"We believe that the industry has bottomed out and that slow but steady recovery is ahead," commented Paul Roman, AHAM's vice president of marketing and economics.

The association predicts a 6.4% increase in shipments in 1983. The recent upturn in new home construction -- now at over a 1.4 million annual rate -- and the steady increase in resale of existing housing will help boost appliance shipments this year.

"Long-term outlook is even better," predicts Roman. "Record years are a real possiblity in the mid-eighties."

The most promising factor is a strong replacement market, resulting from nearly 300 million appliances shipped between 1962 and 1973. In addition:

* "Baby boom" adults are establishing their own households and contributing to initial appliance purchases.

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* Some appliances still have relatively low saturation -- only one in four homes has a microwave oven and fewer than half a dishwasher, disposer or freezer.
* Working women and single-person households need the conveniences and time-savings that appliances provide.
* Improved energy efficiency and more convenience features will also contribute to increasing consumer appliance demands.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
December, 1982

	December 1982	December 1981	% Change	Calender Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	1,891.5	1,810.2*	+ 4.5%	26,683.0	30,482.4*	-12.5%	6,354.7	6,037.6*	+ 5.3%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	84.5	163.4	-48.3	2,760.6	3,692.5	-25.2	188.7	346.4	-45.5
DEHUMIDIFIERS	2.6	5.0*	-48.0	439.2	536.1*	-18.1	9.9	5.2*	+90.4
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	177.9	144.3	+23.3	2,169.7	2,483.7	-12.6	602.3	529.0	+13.9
Built-In	159.4	123.4	+29.2	1,955.6	2,192.7	-10.8	536.8	454.8	+18.0
Portable	18.5	20.9	-11.5	214.1	291.0	-26.4	65.5	74.1	-11.6
DISPOSERS	237.9	206.4*	+15.3	2,780.8	3.178.6*	-12.5	828.1	737.5*	+12.3
COMPACTORS	13.2	15.1*	-12.6	148.1	190.8*	-22.4	40.8	46.7*	-12.6
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	335.5	341.2*	- 1.7	5,704.0	6,549.3*	-12.9	1,206.1	1,144.5*	+ 5.4
Refrigerators	262.2	263.6	- 0.5	4,363.5	4,943.8	-11.7	973.5	918.1	+ 6.0
Freezers - Total	73.3	77.7*	- 5.7	1,340.4	1,605.4*	-16.5	232.7	226.4*	+ 2.8
Upright	36.5	31.9*	+14.4	614.5	716.9*	-14.3	112.2	102.0*	+10.0
Chest	36.7	45.8*	-19.9	726.0	888.6*	-18.3	120.5	124.4*	- 3.1
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	174.7	153.0*	+14.2	2,035.3	2,327.8*	-12.6	571.9	508.8*	+12.4
Free Standing	139.5	118.2*	+18.0	1,619.1	1,829.3*	-11.5	458.0	401.8*	+14.0
Built-In	35.2	34.8*	+ 1.1	416.2	498.5*	-16.5	113.8	107.1*	+ 6.3
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	434.4	362.0*	+20.0	4,070.8	4,421.9*	- 7.9	1,328.8	1,241.9*	+ 7.0
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	444.6	435.4	+ 2.1	6,746.7	7,342.6	- 8.1	1,622.6	1,531.9	+ 5.9
Washers - Total	252.0	246.3	+ 2.3	4,019.2	4,365.3	- 7.9	917.6	865.2	+ 6.1
Automatic	247.5	242.2	+ 2.2	3,955.4	4,276.9	- 7.5	902.6	850.2	+ 6.2
Wringer & Other	4.5	4.2	+ 7.1	63.8	88.4	-27.8	15.1	15.0	+ 0.7
Dryers - Total	192.6	189.1	+ 1.9	2,727.5	2,977.3	- 8.4	705.0	666.7	+ 5.7
Electric	151.9	150.0	+ 1.3	2,143.3	2,337.3	- 8.3	553.8	522.4	+ 6.0
Gas	40.6	39.1	+ 3.8	584.2	640.1	- 8.7	151.2	144.3	+ 4.8

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TRENDS AND FORECASTS
FACTORY UNIT SHIPMENTS (DOMESTIC + EXPORT) OF MAJOR APPLIANCES*

PRODUCT	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983**	1984**
Room Air Conditioners	5,346	4,564	2,670	2,961	3,270	4,037	3,749	3,203	3,693	2,761	2,826	3,175
Dehumidifiers	646	586	392	444	319	442	685	673	536	439	477	501
Dishwashers	3,702	3,320	2,702	3,140	3,357	3,557	3,488	2,738	2,484	2,170	2,171	2,358
Built-In	2,721	2,460	1,947	2,337	2,705	2,971	2,984	2,354	2,193	1,956	1,973	2,162
Portable	981	860	755	803	651	586	504	384	291	214	198	196
Disposers	2,974	2,553	2,080	2,516	2,941	3,312	3,317	2,962	3,179	2,781	3,187	3,441
Compactors	359	315	233	249	277	300	293	235	191	148	161	188
Refrigerators	6,774	5,982	4,577	4,817	5,707	5,890	5,701	5,124	4,944	4,364	4,700	5,000
Freezers	2,415	3,219	2,457	1,541	1,598	1,521	1,941	1,751	1,605	1,340	1,417	1,488
Upright	1,402	1,892	1,076	710	746	686	902	789	717	614	635	662
Chest	1,013	1,327	1,381	832	853	835	1,039	963	889	726	782	826
Electric Ranges	3,430	2,925	2,082	2,463	3,011	3,217	3,000	2,530	2,328	2,035	2,100	2,330
Free-Standing	2,624	2,279	1,568	1,762	2,194	2,336	2,244	1,975	1,829	1,619	1,675	1,880
Built-In	806	646	514	701	817	881	756	555	498	416	425	450
Microwave Oven/Ranges#	445	713	1,052	1,749	2,157	2,501	2,807	3,608	4,422	4,071	4,337	4,682
Washers	5,504	4,948	4,228	4,492	4,933	5,038	4,965	4,550	4,365	4,019	4,321	4,510
Automatic	5,234	4,713	4,032	4,288	4,739	4,838	4,779	4,426	4,277	3,955	4,259	4,450
Wringer & Other	270	235	196	205	194	200	186	124	88	64	62	60
Dryers	4,256	3,584	2,870	3,173	3,553	3,621	3,551	3,177	2,977	2,727	2,904	3,049
Electric	3,330	2,845	2,198	2,466	2,817	2,865	2,783	2,494	2,337	2,143	2,301	2,390
Gas	926	739	672	708	736	757	768	682	640	584	603	659
TOTAL SHIPMENTS	35,850	32,709	25,344	27,466	30,957	33,215	33,244	30,330	30,482	26,683	28,399	30,496

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** Forecasts as of November 12, 1982
\# Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave oven/ranges
NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding and overlapping product categories

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APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS INCREASE FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH, STRONG GAINS REPORTED FOR SEVERAL PRODUCTS

CHICAGO -- January shipments of nearly 2.2 million major appliances exceeded January 1982 by 13.8%, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Most encouraging were the strong gains recorded in several bellwether products -- refrigerators were up 31%; electric ranges, up 28%; dishwashers, up 26%; and disposers and clothes washers, both up 20%.

The increase of 263,000 units over January 1982 represents the largest one-month gain in industry shipments in both absolute quantities and percentage increases since June of 1981. Total monthly increase for January would have surpassed 20% had it not been for the continued, substantial decline in room air conditioner shipments (-53%). This product is still feeling the impact of high inventory levels due to the exceptionally cool summer last year.

"January's performance is another strong signal that the major appliance industry has turned the corner. We continue to look forward to a period of slow, but steady recovery," observed Paul Roman, AHAM's vice president of marketing and international trade.

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(Domestic Plus Export)
January, 1983

	January 1983	January 1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,178.6	1,915.1*	+13.8%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	89.2	191.1	-53.3
DEHUMIDIFIERS	23.0	15.8*	+45.6
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	212.9	169.0*	+26.0
Built-in	190.8	148.8	+28.2
Portable	22.0	20.2*	+ 8.9
DISPOSERS	263.5	219.9*	+19.8
COMPACTORS	10.7	12.9*	-17.1
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	466.0	369.4*	+26.2
Refrigerators	362.8	277.0*	+31.0
Freezers - Total	103.1	92.4*	+11.6
Upright	46.4	41.0*	+13.2
Chest	56.7	51.4*	+10.3
ELECTRIC RANGES -TOTAL	190.1	148.6*	+27.9
Free Standing	154.4	117.6*	+31.3
Built-in	35.7	31.0*	+15.2
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	312.0	267.3*	+16.7
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	624.1	534.3*	+16.8
Washers - Total	364.1	306.5*	+18.8
Automatic	358.4	300.6	+19.3
Wringer & Other	5.7	5.9	- 3.4
Dryers - Total	260.0	227.9*	+14.1
Electric	207.3	180.0*	+15.2
Gas	52.7	47.8*	+10.3

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FEBRUARY APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS SHOW CONTINUED STRENGTH

CHICAGO -- February shipments of most major household appliances continued above year ago levels even though total shipments were 3.9% lower than February of 1982, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

The decrease in total shipments was primarily due to room air conditioners, which were down by 232,000 units, a decline of 64.4%. Room air conditioner shipments were the lowest for this month since 1962, resulting from an inventory carryover from last year's unseasonably cool summer.

Total major appliance shipments excluding room air conditioners were up 7.7% for February and 14.1% for the first two months, according to AHAM data.

Products with strong increases during the first two months of the year were food waste disposers, up 28.0%; electric ranges, up 27.4%; dishwashers, up 24.8%; refrigerators, up 16.1% and clothes washers and dryers, up 10.1%.

While microwave ovens were down 10.2% for February, total shipments in the first two months were 2% ahead of last year -- the second best January and February in the history of this product.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
February, 1983

	February 1983	February 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,158.4	2,245.3*	- 3.9%	4,336.0	4,160.4*	+ 4.2%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	128.8	361.4	-64.4	218.1	552.5	-60.5
DEHUMIDIFIERS	29.3	35.2*	-16.8	52.3	51.0*	+ 2.5
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	197.3	159.7*	+23.5	410.2	328.7*	+24.8
Built-In	180.4	140.9	+28.0	371.2	289.7	+28.1
Portable	16.9	18.8*	-10.1	39.0	39.0*	--
DISPOSERS	293.8	214.6*	+36.9	556.3	434.5*	+28.0
COMPACTORS	9.3	11.8*	-21.2	20.0	24.7*	-19.0
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	433.4	426.8*	+ 1.5	899.3	796.2*	+12.9
Refrigerators	336.2	325.0*	+ 3.4	699.0	601.9*	+16.1
Freezers - Total	97.2	101.9*	- 4.6	200.3	194.3*	+ 3.1
Upright	44.8	41.1*	+ 9.0	91.2	82.2*	+10.9
Chest	52.5	60.7*	-13.5	109.2	112.1*	- 2.6
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	183.2	144.4*	+26.9	373.3	293.0*	+27.4
Free Standing	144.2	113.1*	+27.5	298.5	230.7*	+29.4
Built-In	39.1	31.3*	+24.9	74.8	62.3*	+20.1
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	291.0	324.1*	-10.2	603.0	591.4*	+ 2.0
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	603.9	581.4*	+ 3.9	1,228.0	1,115.7*	+10.1
Washers - Total	353.1	347.0	+ 1.8	717.2	653.5	+ 9.7
Automatic	347.5	341.4	+ 1.8	705.9	642.0	+10.0
Wringer & Other	5.6	5.6	--	11.3	11.5	- 1.7
Dryers - Total	250.8	234.4*	+ 7.0	510.8	462.2*	+10.5
Electric	196.0	181.9*	+ 7.8	403.3	361.9*	+11.4
Gas	54.8	52.5	+ 4.4	107.5	100.3	+ 7.2

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APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS UP 4.2% FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1983

CHICAGO -- Major appliance shipments for the first quarter of 1983 were up 4.2% from the same period in 1982, reported the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

March was the sixth straight month that most appliances showed a gain in shipments. Strong gains were recorded by dishwashers, up 63.7%; electric ranges, up 42.0%; disposers, up 17.6%; refrigerators, up 17.1%; and laundry products, up 10.5%.

Microwave ovens experienced their best March performance ever with shipments of 356,500 units.

Total industry shipments continue to be adversely affected by room air conditioners, which were down 53.1% for the quarter and 46.0% for the month of March. Dehumidifiers and compactors also failed to share in the industry upturn.

Excluding room air conditioners, the balance of major appliances were up 17.9% for March and up 15.5% for the first quarter of 1983. "These figures are more indicative of the industry's recovery," said Paul Roman, AHAM's vice president of marketing and international trade, "as room air conditioners are still being affected by an inventory carryover from last year's unseasonably cool summer."

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(Domestic Plus Export)
March, 1983

	March 1983	March 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,744.0	2,636.6*	+ 4.1%	7,081.2	6,796.9*	+ 4.2%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	308.9	571.6	-46.0	527.0	1,124.1	-53.1
DEHUMIDIFIERS	72.8	96.0*	-24.2	126.2	147.0*	-14.1
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	248.0	151.5*	+63.7	658.2	480.2*	+37.1
Built-In	227.5	135.6	+67.8	598.7	425.3	+40.8
Portable	20.5	16.0*	+28.1	59.5	55.0*	+ 8.2
DISPOSERS	309.4	263.0*	+17.6	865.8	697.5*	+24.1
COMPACTORS	11.1	14.0*	-20.7	31.1	38.7*	-19.6
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	519.7	460.7*	+12.8	1,419.0	1,256.9*	+12.9
Refrigerators	402.9	344.2*	+17.1	1,101.9	946.1*	+16.5
Freezers - Total	116.8	116.6	+ 0.2	317.1	310.8	+ 2.0
Upright	51.7	58.4	-11.5	142.9	140.5	+ 1.7
Chest	65.1	58.2	+11.9	174.2	170.3	+ 2.3
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	231.9	163.3*	+42.0	605.1	456.4*	+32.6
Free Standing	182.2	128.8*	+41.5	480.7	359.5*	+33.7
Built-In	49.7	34.6*	+43.6	124.4	96.9*	+28.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	356.5	296.0*	+20.4	959.1	887.3*	+ 8.1
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	702.8	635.9*	+10.5	1,930.8	1,751.6*	+10.2
Washers - Total	419.6	383.0	+ 9.6	1,136.8	1,036.5	+ 9.7
Automatic	412.9	376.2	+ 9.8	1,118.8	1,018.2	+ 9.9
Wringer & Other	6.7	6.7	--	18.0	18.3	- 1.6
Dryers - Total	283.2	253.0*	+11.9	794.0	715.2*	+11.0
Electric	226.7	198.7*	+14.1	630.0	560.7*	+12.4
Gas	56.6	54.2	+ 4.4	164.1	154.5	+ 6.2

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RECOVERY CONTINUES FOR MAJOR APPLIANCES

CHICAGO -- Major appliance shipments during the month of April and for the first four months of 1983, excluding room air conditioners, were both ahead of last year by more than 15%, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Shipments of microwave ovens and disposers both set new records for the month of April. Disposers had the biggest gain -- up 61.2% for April and 32.1% for four months. Microwave ovens increased nearly 40% in April following a recordbreaking month in March.

Other products performing well were electric ranges, up 15.7% for April and over 28% for the year; and clothes dryers, with an increase of over 10% for both periods. Dishwasher shipments were up 6.7% for the month and 28% for the year.

Although more than 9.5 million appliances have been shipped since January, the continuing decline in room air conditioners brings down the increase in total shipments to 1.6% for April and 3.5% for the year.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
April, 1983

	April 1983	April 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,506.7	2,467.0*	+ 1.6%	9,589.1	9,264.0*	+ 3.5%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	258.8	517.0	-49.9	782.6	1,641.2	-52.3
DEHUMIDIFIERS	64.4	56.5*	+14.0	197.8	203.5*	- 2.8
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	214.1	200.6*	+ 6.7	872.5	680.9*	+28.1
Built-In	195.0	179.0	+ 8.9	793.8	604.2	+31.3
Portable	19.1	21.7*	-12.0	78.7	76.6*	+ 2.7
DISPOSERS	312.6	193.9*	+61.2	1,177.5	891.4*	+32.1
COMPACTORS	12.0	11.1*	+ 8.1	43.1	49.7*	-13.3
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	472.4	486.1*	- 2.8	1,888.3	1,743.0*	+ 8.3
Refrigerators	361.2	378.9	- 4.7	1,465.1	1,325.0*	+10.6
Freezers - Total	111.2	107.2*	+ 3.7	423.3	418.0*	+ 1.3
Upright	47.1	49.5*	- 4.8	190.0	190.0*	--
Chest	64.1	57.7	+11.1	233.3	228.0	+ 2.3
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	200.5	173.3*	+15.7	806.6	629.6*	+28.1
Free Standing	160.4	135.0*	+18 8	641.7	494.4*	+29.8
Built-In	40.1	38.3*	+ 4.7	164.9	135.2*	+22.0
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	398.2	285.6*	+39.4	1,357.3	1,172.9*	+15.7
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	588.2	558.5*	+ 5.3	2,519.0	2,310.2*	+ 9.0
Washers - Total	352.5	344.9	+ 2.2	1,489.3	1,381.4	+ 7.8
Automatic	346.6	339.2	+ 2.2	1,465.4	1,357.4	+ 8.0
Wringer & Other	5.9	5.7	+ 3.5	23.9	24.0	- 0.4
Dryers - Total	235.8	213.6*	+10.4	1,029.8	928.8*	+10.9
Electric	190.0	169.8*	+11.9	820.0	730.5*	+12.3
Gas	45.8	43.8	+ 4.6	209.8	198.3	+ 5.8

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MAJOR APPLIANCE INDUSTRY REBOUND ACCELERATES, BEST MAY IN FOUR YEARS

CHICAGO -- Manufacturers shipped nearly 2.9 million major appliances in May making it the best May since 1979, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). And the 30.3% increase over May 1982 is the largest percentage increase over any previous month since the late Sixties.

AHAM also points out that:

* More appliances were shipped last month than in any month since June of 1981.
* Microwave ovens had their best month in history with 492,000 units shipped in May -- a 132.2% increase over May of last year.
* More clothes washers, electric ranges and dishwashers were shipped in May than in any month since October 1980 ... it was the best month for refrigerators since July 1981 and for clothes dryers since September 1981.

The 30% increase was achieved even though room air conditioner shipments were off by 28.4%. Otherwise, the monthly increase would have been 43.9%, and the year-to-date increase 21% rather than 8.7%.

"The strength of May shipments far exceeds the most optimistic forecast being made in the industry," comments Paul Roman, AHAM vice president of marketing and international trade.

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Monthly increases in specific product categories were as follows: dishwashers, 53.3%; food disposers, 24.9%; refrigerators, 29.0%; electric ranges, 66.6%; clothes washers, 29.3%; clothes dryers, 44.6%; and trash compactors, 24.6%.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
May, 1983

	May 1983	May 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,896.6	2,223.7*	+30.3%	12,487.2	11,487.7*	+ 8.7%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	300.0	418.8	-28.4	1,082.6	2,060.0	-47.4
DEHUMIDIFIERS	77.2	88.3*	-12.6	276.2	291.8*	- 5.3
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	259.3	169.2*	+53.3	1,131.8	850.1*	+33.1
Built-In	235.4	154.9	+52.0	1,029.2	759.1	+35.6
Portable	23.9	14.3*	+67.1	102.6	91.0*	+12.7
DISPOSERS	249.0	199.4*	+24.9	1,425.4	1,090.8*	+30.7
COMPACTORS	14.2	11.4*	+24.6	57.3	61.1*	- 6.2
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	574.7	471.0*	+22.0	2,463.1	2,214.1*	+11.2
Refrigerators	462.7	358.7	+29.0	1,927.8	1,683.7	+14.5
Freezers - Total	112.0	112.4*	- 0.4	535.3	530.4*	+ 0.9
Upright	47.8	46.7*	+ 2.4	237.8	236.7*	+ 0.5
Chest	64.2	65.7	- 2.3	297.5	293.7	+ 1.3
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	251.5	151.0*	+66.6	1,058.1	780.6*	+35.5
Free Standing	205.2	119.8*	+71.3	846.9	614.2*	+37.9
Built-In	46.3	31.3*	+47.9	211.2	166.5*	+26.8
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	492.4	212.1*	+132.2	1,851.0	1,385.1*	+33.6
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	697.6	516.4	+35.1	3,216.7	2,826.5*	+13.8
Washers - Total	415.9	321.6	+29.3	1,905.2	1,703.0	+11.9
Automatic	410.2	317.3	+29.3	1,875.6	1,674.7	+12.0
Wringer & Other	5.7	4.3	+32.6	29.6	28.3	+ 4.6
Dryers - Total	281.7	194.8	+44.6	1,311.5	1,123.5*	+16.7
Electric	224.5	155.2	+44.7	1,044.4	885.7*	+17.9
Gas	57.2	39.6	+44.4	267.1	237.8	+12.3

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MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS CONTINUE STRONG, JUNE SHIPMENTS UP 24.5%

CHICAGO -- June shipments of nearly 2.9 million major appliances were 24.5% over June of last year, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). The increase in June was the eighth time in the last nine months that shipments have exceeded the corresponding month of the previous year.

Total second quarter shipments were up 18.3% and the first six months total was up 11.4% in spite of decreases of 32.8% and 42.6% respectively for room air conditioners.

Exceptionally strong June performances were realized for five product categories. Food disposers had the best June in history with 298,500 units shipped -- a 44.6% increase over June 1982. Dishwasher shipments of 276,000 were the highest since October 1980 and up 72.3% over June 1982. This June was the best month since June 1981 for refrigerators with 519,500 units shipped. And total laundry shipments of 663,300 were the best for June since 1979.

Other product categories which surpassed June 1982 performance were electric ranges, up 40.9%; microwave ovens, up 55.3%; and dehumidifiers, up 21.7%.

The decrease in room air conditioner shipments narrowed to an 8.5% drop from June 1982.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
June, 1983

	June 1983	June 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,896.9	2,326.3*	+24.5%	15,382.1	13,814.0*	+11.4%	8,298.4	7,017.1*	+18.3%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	264.6	289.2	- 8.5	1,347.3	2,349.2	-42.6	823.4	1,225.1	-32.8
DEHUMIDIFIERS	62.9	51.7*	+21.7	343.5	343.5*	--	210.0	196.5*	+ 6.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	276.5	160.5	+72.3	1,408.3	1,010.6*	+39.4	749.9	530.4*	+41.4
Built-In	254.6	148.2	+71.8	1,283.8	907.3	+41.5	685.0	482.0	+42.1
Portable	21.9	12.4	+76.6	124.5	103.3*	+20.5	64.9	48.4*	+34.1
DISPOSERS	298.5	206.4*	+44.6	1,716.9	1,297.2*	+32.4	852.0	599.7*	+42.1
COMPACTORS	14.5	15.1*	- 4.0	71.1	76.2*	- 6.7	40.0	37.5*	+ 6.7
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	656.0	598.3*	+ 9.6	3,120.2	2,812.3*	+10.9	1,704.2	1,555.4*	+ 9.6
Refrigerators	519.5	437.3	+18.8	2,447.3	2,121.0	+15.4	1,343.4	1,174.9	+14.3
Freezers - Total	136.5	160.9*	-15.2	672.9	691.3*	- 2.7	360.8	380.5*	- 5.2
Upright	57.5	71.8*	-19.9	295.5	308.5*	- 4.2	152.6	168.0*	- 9.2
Chest	79.0	89.1	-11.3	377.4	382.8	- 1.4	208.2	212.5	- 2.0
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	247.6	175.7*	+40.9	1,305.6	956.4*	+36.5	699.5	500.0*	+39.9
Free Standing	195.3	142.0*	+37.5	1,042.2	756.1*	+37.8	560.9	396.7*	+41.4
Built-In	52.2	33.8*	+54.4	263.4	200 2*	+31.6	138.6	103.3*	+34.2
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	431.3	277.8*	+55.3	2,282.3	1,662.8*	+37.3	1,321.9	775.5*	+70.5
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	663.3	565.4*	+17.3	3,880.3	3,391.9*	+14.4	1,949.5	1,640.3*	+18.9
Washers - Total	399.1	351.5	+13.5	2,304.3	2,054.5	+12.2	1,167.5	1,018.0	+14.7
Automatic	393.5	345.8	+13.8	2,269.1	2,020.6	+12.3	1,150.3	1,002.3	+14.8
Wringer & Other	5.6	5.6	--	35.2	33.9	+ 3.8	17.2	15.7	+ 9.6
Dryers - Total	264.2	213.9*	+23.5	1,576.0	1,337.5*	+17.8	782.0	622.3*	+25.7
Electric	211.8	167.8*	+26.2	1,256.5	1,053.5*	+19.3	626.6	492.8*	+27.2
Gas	52.4	46.1	+13.7	319.4	284.0	+12.5	155.4	129.5	+20.0

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MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS UP 22% OVER LAST JULY

CHICAGO -- Manufacturers shipped nearly half a million more major appliances in July than they did one year ago, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). Shipments for the month totaled more than 2.6 million units -- a 22.1% increase over one year ago. July marks the fifth consecutive month that recorded an increase over the corresponding month last year.

Contributing substantially to July's strong performance were room air conditioner shipments -- up 111.7% over last July. This level of shipments answered the strong demand sparked by prolonged hot weather in many parts of the country. Shipments exceeded 306,000 units, making this the best July for room air conditioners since 1980.

Microwave ovens performed well again in July -- with shipments up 42%, the highest shipment of microwave ovens for any July and their third highest shipment ever. Strong monthly increases also were recorded for dehumidifiers, up 31.5%; disposers, up 41.3%; and compactors, up 26.0%.

Year-to-date shipments exceeded comparable 1982 totals for all major categories except compactors, freezers and room air conditioners, which lagged considerably until this month. Exceptionally strong performances were realized for dishwashers, up 34.0%; disposers, up 33.2%; electric ranges, up 33.7%; and microwave ovens, up 38.0%.

For all major appliances, year-to-date shipments increased by an impressive 12.8%.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
July, 1983

	July 1983	July 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,672.1	2,188.6*	+22.1%	18,045.5	16,002.6*	+12.8%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	306.4	144.7	+111.7	1,653.7	2,493.9	-33.7
DEHUMIDIFIERS	60.5	46.0*	+31.5	400.8	389.4*	+ 2.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	196.0	186.5*	+ 5.1	1,604.3	1,197.2*	+34.0
Built-In	181.4	171.3	+ 5.9	1,465.2	1,078.6	+35.8
Portable	14.6	15.3*	- 4.6	139.2	118.6*	+17.4
DISPOSERS	279.5	197.8*	+41.3	1,990.8	1,495.0*	+33.2
COMPACTORS	12.6	10.0*	+26.0	83.7	86.2*	- 2.9
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	645.6	607.7	+ 6.2	3,765.8	3,420.0	+10.1
Refrigerators	504.9	456.4	+10.6	2,952.2	2,577.4	+14.5
Freezers - Total	140.8	151.3	- 6.9	813.7	842.6	- 3.4
Upright	70.0	67.9	+ 3.1	365.5	376.4	- 2.9
Chest	70.8	83.4	-15.1	448.2	466.2	- 3.9
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	196.6	167.3*	+17.5	1,502.3	1,123.7*	+33.7
Free Standing	154.6	130.7*	+18.3	1,196.8	886.8*	+35.0
Built-In	42.0	36.7*	+14.4	305.5	236.9*	+29.0
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	461.4	323.5*	+42.6	2,743.7	1,986.3*	+38.1
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	528.7	519.5	+ 1.8	4,409.0	3,911.5*	+12.7
Washers - Total	322.4	323.2	- 0.2	2,626.7	2,377.7	+10.5
Automatic	318.6	318.4	+ 0.1	2,587.8	2,339.0	+10.6
Wringer & Other	3.7	4.8	-22.9	38.9	38.7	+ 0.5
Dryers - Total	206.4	196.3	+ 5.1	1,782.4	1,533.8*	+16.2
Electric	163.5	154.5	+ 5.8	1,420.1	1,208.0*	+17.6
Gas	42.9	41.8	+ 2.6	362.3	325.8	+11.2

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AUGUST MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS AT RECORD LEVELS

CHICAGO -- The major household appliance industry experienced its best August in history with total shipments at nearly 3.1 million units, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). In addition to record total monthly shipments, August posted record month-to-month gains for several product categories and a record-setting shipment of 544,400 microwave ovens -- making August the greatest month in that product's history.

Several factors came together to produce this record August, according to AHAM President Robert Holding. "The basic product categories which have been enjoying a resurgence since early spring were joined by lagging product categories, such as disposers and room air conditioners, and then microwave ovens went out of sight to put the icing on the cake."

Record August shipments were reported for dishwashers (340,000 units) and disposers (315,800 units). For total major appliance shipments, the increase of 834,000 units over August 1982 was the greatest precentage gain (37%) and the greatest unit increase for any month-to-month comparison in history.

Most product categories reported outstanding monthly increases: room air conditioners (76.3%), dishwashers (67.2%), disposers (44.9%), refrigerators (34.2%), electric ranges (57.3%), microwave ovens (45.9%), and home laundry equipment (29.6%).

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The exceptional August shipments follow several months of strong increases. For the first eight months of the year, appliance shipments increased by 15.8%; dishwashers, 38.8%; disposers, 34.6%; refrigerators, 17.4%; electric ranges, 36.9%; microwave ovens, 39.4%; and home laundry equipment, 15.0%.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
August, 1983

	August 1983	August 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	3,080.6	2,246.2*	+37.1%	21,127.8	18,248.8*	+15.8%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	107.7	61.1	+76.3	1,761.3	2,555.1	-31.1
DEHUMIDIFIERS	17.3	27.7*	-37.5	418.2	417.2*	+ 0.2
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	340.0	203.3*	+67.2	1,944.4	1,400.5*	+38.8
Built-In	319.5	187.6	+70.3	1,784.7	1,266.2	+40.9
Portable	20.5	15.7*	+30.6	159.7	134.3	+18.9
DISPOSERS	315.8	217.9*	+44.9	2,305.3	1,712.9*	+34.6
COMPACTORS	12.4	10.7*	+15.9	96.0	96.9*	- 0.9
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	708.2	588.4	+20.4	4,475.8	4,008.4	+11.7
Refrigerators	579.8	431.9	+34.2	3,534.3	3,009.3	+17.4
Freezers - Total	128.4	156.5	-18.0	942.0	999.1	- 5.7
Upright	62.7	67.7	- 7.4	428.2	444.2	- 3.6
Chest	65.6	88.7	-26.0	513.8	554.9	- 7.4
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	269.0	171.0*	+57.3	1,771.9	1,294.7*	+36.9
Free Standing	214.2	136.2*	+57.3	1,411.3	1,023.0*	+38.0
Built-In	54.8	34.7*	+57.9	360.5	271.6*	+32.7
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	544.4	373.2*	+45.9	3,288.2	2,359.5*	+39.4
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	786.6	607.1	+29.6	5,195.6	4,518.6	+15.0
Washers - Total	469.6	363.5	+29.2	3,096.3	2,741.2	+13.0
Automatic	461.9	358.0	+29.0	3,049.6	2,697.0	+13.1
Wringer & Other	7.8	5.5	+41.8	46.7	44.2	+ 5.7
Dryers - Total	317.0	243.6	+30.1	2,099.4	1,777.4	+18.1
Electric	254.9	191.3	+33.2	1,675.0	1,399.3	+19.7
Gas	62.1	52.3	+18.7	424.4	378.1	+12.2

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SECOND CONSECUTIVE RECORD MONTH FOR MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

CHICAGO -- Nearly 3 million major household appliances were shipped by manufacturers last month, making it the best September in history and the second consecutive record-breaking month, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Shipments were up nearly 900,000 units over September 1982, representing the greatest percentage gain (43%) and the largest increase in units for any month-to-month comparison of total appliance shipments.

September also marked the fifth consecutive month of double-digit increases in total shipments and the greatest month in history for microwave ovens. Shipments of 635,700 units surpassed the previous high recorded in August. Monthly September increases exceeded 50% for room air conditioners, dishwashers, compactors and microwave ovens, and 20% for all other products except dehumidifiers and freezers. For some products, September increases were enhanced by the fact that last September's shipments were considerably below average.

"Reports of high sales by appliance retailers throughout the country and continued growth in residential construction support the outstanding September shipments," notes Paul Roman, AHAM vice president of marketing and international trade.

It was the best September in history for disposers (322,200

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units) and the best September since:

* 1977 for refrigerators (556,000 units),
* 1978 for electric ranges (249,600 units) and washers (438,100 units),
* 1979 for dryers (309,000 units) and dishwashers (291,200 units), and
* 1980 for compactors (16,400 units).

Total shipments for the quarter exceeded 8.7 million units for an increase near 34% and a new third quarter high, beating the previous record set in 1973 when industry shipments totaled nearly 8.6 million units.

Year-to-date shipments were 18.5% ahead of last year's with the total exceeding 24 million units.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
September, 1983

	September 1983	September 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,978.3	2,079.4*	+43.2%	24,095.7	20,328.3*	+18.5%	8,719.5	6,514.3*	+33.9%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	57.6	16.8	+242.9	1,818.9	2,571.9	-29.3	471.6	222.6	+111.9
DEHUMIDIFIERS	9.3	12.2*	-23.8	427.7	429.3*	- 0.4	87.5	85.9*	+ 1.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	291.2	166.9*	+74.5	2,235.6	1,567.4*	+42.6	827.3	556.8*	+48.6
Built-In	265.8	152.6	+74.2	2,050.5	1,418.8	+44.5	766.7	511.5	+49.9
Portable	25.5	14.3*	+78.3	185.1	148.6*	+24.6	60.6	45.3*	+33.8
DISPOSERS	322.2	239.8*	+34.4	2,618.2	1,952.7*	+34.1	906.9	655.5*	+38.4
COMPACTORS	16.4	10.4*	+57.7	112.1	107.3*	+ 4.5	41.0	31.1*	+31.8
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	668.6	489.4	+36.6	5,143.9	4,497.8	+14.4	2,021.5	1,685.5	+19.9
Refrigerators	556.0	380.7	+46.0	4,090.2	3,390.1	+20.7	1,640.7	1,269.0	+29.3
Freezers - Total	112.6	108.7	+ 3.6	1,053.7	1,107.8	- 4.9	380.8	416.5	- 8.6
Upright	56.9	58.1	- 2.1	485.1	502.3	- 3.4	189.6	193.8	- 2.2
Chest	55.7	50.6	+10.1	568.6	605.4	- 6.1	191.2	222.7	-14.1
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	249.6	168.8*	+47.9	2,021.4	1,463.5*	+38.1	715.2	507.1*	+41.0
Free Standing	198.8	138.0*	+44.1	1,610.1	1,161.1*	+38.7	567.6	404.9*	+40.2
Built-In	50.8	30.8*	+64.9	411.3	302.4*	+36.0	147.6	102.2*	+44.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	635.7	382.4*	+66.2	3,923.9	2,742.0*	+43.1	1,641.6	1,079.2*	+52.1
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	747.2	605.5	+23.4	5,942.8	5,124.1	+16.0	2,062.5	1,732.2	+19.1
Washers - Total	438.1	360.4	+21.6	3,534.4	3,101.6	+14.0	1,230.1	1,047.1	+17.5
Automatic	430.7	355.8	+21.1	3,480.3	3,052.9	+14.0	1,211.1	1,032.3	+17.3
Wringer & Other	7.5	4.5	+66.7	54.2	48.7	+11.3	19.0	14.8	+28.4
Dryers - Total	309.0	245.1	+26.1	2,408.4	2,022.5	+19.1	832.4	685.1	+21.5
Electric	246.5	190.1	+29.7	1,921.4	1,589.4	+20.9	664.9	536.0	+24.0
Gas	62.5	55.0	+13.6	486.9	433.1	+12.4	167.5	149.1	+12.3

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave oven/ranges